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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

**Re:** Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

MB Docket No. 03-124

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 29, 2003, on behalf of Cablevision Systems Corporation ("Cablevision"), Harold Furchtgott-Roth of Furchtgott-Roth Economic Enterprises spoke by telephone with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin regarding the above-captioned matter. The discussion covered arguments made by Cablevision in its filings in this proceeding, including how News Corp.'s investment in DIRECTV would enhance News Corp.'s incentive and ability to withhold Fox Network programming from cable operators.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary. Copies are also being served electronically on the Commission personnel who are required to be served pursuant to the Public Notice announcing this proceeding. Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

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